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TAGS: MASS, PBOR, ET, US, SO

SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN MENGISTU'S ACCUSATION THAT AMERICANS  
ARE TRAINING ERITREAN SEPARATISTS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 2556 (NOTAL)

DEPT CONCURS YOUR APPROACH OUTLINED IN REFTEL. SUGGEST  
FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS TO BE DELIVERED IN "MORE  
IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER" TONE.

-- USG REGRETS STATEMENTS BY PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU IN  
JUNE 7 SPEECH IMPLYING THAT US IS SUPPLYING ARMS TO ERI-  
TREANS VIA THIRD COUNTRIES AND ASSERTING THAT AMERICAN  
ADVISORS NUMBERING MORE THAN 60 HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DEPLOYED  
ON ETHIOPIAN BORDER TO TRAIN ERITREAN SEPARATIST GROUPS.

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-- USG CATEGORICALLY DENIES IT IS PROVIDING ANY ARMS OR  
TRAINING OF ANY KIND TO ANY ERITREANS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF  
ETHIOPIA.

-- AS BOTH SECRETARY VANCE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HARROP TOLD FONMIN FELEKE IN NEW YORK, USG IS NOT  
INTERFERING IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HAS NO

INTENTION TO INTERFERE IN ERITREA.

-- USG REGRETS THAT CHAIRMAN MENGISTU GIVES CREDENCE TO FALSE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ELEMENTS WHO ARE OBVIOUSLY HOSTILE TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

-- WE HAD HOPED THAT BOTH US AND ETHIOPIAN GOVTS, AS MENTIONED BY FONMIN FELEKE TO SECRETARY, WOULD FIRST APPROACH THE OTHER WHEN REPORTS OF THIS NATURE COME TO THEIR ATTENTION BEFORE PUBLIC AIRING OF MATTERS LIKELY TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN RELATIONS. WE HOPE THIS PRINCIPLE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. VANCE

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